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A brief explanation of the relevance of some of these references follows:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application 2-5138 describes a VTR cassette having a "taper" portion 41 at the edge of the surface for preventing incorrect insertion (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 4).

Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application 62-7686 describes a tape cassette having a "taper" portion 3a at the edge of the surface for preventing incorrect insertion (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2).

Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application 61-126485 describes a tape cassette 11 having a recess 15 with an inclined wall 14 for preventing incorrect insertion (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 4).

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application S62-97896 describes an IC card 1 having a plurality of terminals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 disposed in a concavity, and a conductor 7 for electric discharge. (See Fig. 1 and Fig. 2)

Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application S63-135464 describes a plurality of contact areas 20 in concavity, and projections 16. The concavity is open at the end of card 10. (See Fig. 1 and Fig. 2)

Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application S60-53144 describes a mechanical switch having fixed contact points 26a, 2b and movable contact points 34a-34b. The fixed contact points

contact points 26a, 26b have inclined portions and the movable contact points 34a, 34b are slidable on the inclined portions. (See Fig. 2a)

Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application S62-119272 describes a memory card 11 having a recess 11A to be engaged with a lock lever 15A for ensuring the insertion of the memory card. (See Fig. 1)

Japanese Laid open Utility Model Application S62-147064 describes a memory card 1 having a recess 1a to be engaged with a spring 3 of an electrical apparatus for ensuring the connection of the memory card and the electrical apparatus. (See Fig. 1 and Fig. 2)

Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application S62-112767 describes a memory card 2 having a shutter 3 for protecting connectors 7. (See Fig. 3)

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application S62-184894 describes an IC card 1 having a shutter 2 for protecting connectors 5. (See Fig. 1)

Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Application S61-55925 describes a memory card 29 having projecting portions 38c, d and a electrical apparatus 2 having recesses 26b, c to be engaged with the projecting portions 38c, d. (See Fig. 4)

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references are enclosed.

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